

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of locking a resource in a distributed environment communicating in a Distributed Authoring and Versioning (DAV) protocol, wherein the DAV protocol is an extension of Hypertext Markup Language (HTTP), the method comprising:

receiving a request in the DAV protocol to access the resource, wherein the request originates from a requesting client computer system;

in response to the request, creating a lock having a predetermined type, wherein the predetermined type provides availability to other client computer systems for predetermined purposes;

returning a lock token upon the creation of the lock to the requesting client computer system; and

performing the requested access.

2. (Original) A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the request to access the resource provides an indication as to the type of access and to the type of lock to be created during the access, said method further comprising:

prior to the act of creating a lock, determining whether the resource is locked by another client computer system; and wherein

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